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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

This is responsive to the Decision on Petition mailed August 10, 2011 in connection with the above-referenced patent.

According to the Decision on Petition mailed August 10, 2011, if reconsideration of the decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration may be filed and must be accompanied by:

- (a) petition fee of \$400; and
- (b) a petition to accept unintentionally delayed payment of maintenance fee in an expired patent (37 CFR 1.378(c)) accompanied by (1) a statement that the delay was unintentional.

The USPTO is authorized to charge the petition fee of \$400.00 to Deposit Account No. 09-0470.

The previous Petition was not accepted because it was lacking a proper signature. Attached is a Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(c)), signed by a registered practitioner. The delay in the payment of the 7½ year maintenance fee was unintentional. Payment of the appropriate maintenance fee of \$2,480.00 and payment of the surcharge of \$1,640.00 were previously paid on June 27, 2011. As the maintenance fee and surcharge were previously submitted, no further fees should be due.

Accordingly, the undersigned respectfully requests reconsideration of the attached Petition and renewal of the patent.

The Office of Petitions is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned if there are any remaining issues that can be resolved by telephonic communication. It is believed that no additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with this matter. However, if any additional fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 09-0470.

Respectfully submitted,

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